Mr. P. Joseph John : (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to his interpellation No. 23 furnished at the meeting of the Council on the 6th September 1944.

Mosquito trouble in urban areas.

26. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them for the eradication of mosquito trouble in urban areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*) : Mosquito control operations are now in vogue in the statutorily recognised urban areas of Trivandrum Corporation, and the Municipalities of Alleppey, Nagercoil, Neyyattinkara Quilon, and Kottayam. In respect of the Corporation of Trivandrum and the municipality of Nagercoil, Government contributes annually sums of Rs. 3882 and Rs. 600 respectively.

So far as the other municipalities are concerned the work is undertaken directly by the Public Health Department and the respective municipalities contribute half the actual expenditure every year.

The mosquito control measures in operation in these areas consist of oiling, spraying treatment of mosquito-breeding places etc.,

Leprosy Hospital at Colachel.

27. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of a Leprosy Hospital at Colachel conducted by the L. M. S. ;

(*b*) whether they have received complaints from the public of the locality regarding the location of the Hospital just on the outskirts of the Municipality ;

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken by them in regard to the same ; and

(*d*) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor ?

Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), these do not arise.

T. B. Hospital Nagercoil.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether complaints have been received from the Colachel municipality regarding the location of the hospital ?

Dr. S. John : I have not received any.

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